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**USTR ANNOUNCES LIST OF ARGENTINE PRODUCTS TO LOSE GSP BENEFITS
AS A RESULT OF "OUT-OF-CYCLE" REVIEW**

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative today released the list of Argentine products which will lose duty-free treatment as a result of the January 15, 1997, Clinton Administration decision to withdraw benefits for approximately fifty percent of Argentina's exports under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program. This decision was the result of an "out-of-cycle" review of Argentina's intellectual property rights (IPR) regime under the U.S. Government's "Special 301" program, designed to advance the protection of U.S. intellectual property rights around the world.

"Effective protection of intellectual property rights is key to creating an environment for economic growth in our Hemisphere and is an important element in our Hemispheric trade agenda," said U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky. "Argentina has failed to bring its IPR provisions into compliance with longstanding commitments. This action demonstrates our commitment to strong IPR protection around the world."

"The action taken today will remain in effect until Argentina takes steps to improve its IPR protection," Barshefsky said.

On April 30, 1996, USTR announced that Argentina was being named to the Priority Watch List under Special 301 because Argentina's newly enacted patent legislation and an implementing decree fell far short of adequate and effective protection, and failed to achieve earlier Argentine assurances. Despite continued efforts by the Menem Administration to establish modern intellectual property protection in Argentina, there have been inadequate improvements in Argentina's patent regime since April 1996.

As a result, the Administration determined that Argentina fails to provide adequate and effective means under its laws for foreign nationals to secure, to exercise, and to enforce exclusive rights in intellectual property. On January 15, 1997, USTR announced the Administration's decision to withdraw benefits for fifty percent of Argentina's exports under the GSP program. On January

21, 1997, a *Federal Register* notice was published requesting public comments on which products should be affected by that decision.

The products affected include chemicals, certain metals and metal products, a variety of manufactured products and several agricultural items (list attached). USTR received a number of public comments on products covered by this action, and this advice was carefully considered in developing the list. 1995 GSP duty-free imports from Argentina of these items totaled approximately \$260 million. These products will lose duty-free treatment 30 days after the list is published in the *Federal Register*.

The following items from Argentina will lose duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences. (Please note that the product descriptions following the Harmonized Tariff Schedule numbers are unofficial descriptions included here for the reader's convenience only. The official complete legal text describing the products can be obtained from the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedules).

03037700 Sea bass, frozen, excluding fillets
04049010 Milk protein concentrates
07032000 Garlic, fresh or chilled
16041610 Anchovies, whole or in pieces but not minced, in oil
17011110 Certain raw cane sugar having no added flavor or color
28054000 Mercury
28139050 Sulfides of nonmetals, excluding carbon disulfide
28323010 Sodium thiosulfate
28399000 Silicates and commercial alkali metal silicates
28413000 Sodium dichromate
28415000 Chromates and dichromates except of sodium, potass.
28433000 Gold compounds
28491000 Calcium carbide
28500050 Hydrides, nitrides, azides, silicides and borides
29021100 Cyclohexane
29051200 Propan-1-ol (propyl alcohol) and propan-2-ol ...
29051300 Butan-1-ol (n-butyl alcohol)
29052250 Acyclic terpene alcohols, other than geraniol
29061400 Terpeneols
29141200 Butanone (methyl ethyl ketone)
29141300 4-methylpentan-2-one (methyl isobutyl ketone)
29157000 Palmitic acid, stearic acid, their salts and esters
29171450 Maleic anhydride, except derived in whole or in part
29182150 Salicylic acid and its salts, not suitable for medic
29182210 O-acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin)
29182250 Salts and esters of o-acetylsalicylic acid
29291015 Mixtures of 2,4- and 2,6-toluenediisocyanates
29329090 Certain aromatic compounds
29334030 Pesticides of heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen
29339055 Certain drugs, analgesics, anti-inflammatory agents
32099000 Paints and varnishes based on synthetic polymers

33011910 Essential oils of grapefruit
33019010 Certain perfume mixtures
33021010 Mixtures of odoriferous substances
33021020 Mixtures of or with a basis of odoriferous substance
33029010 Mixtures of or with a basis of odoriferous substance
33030030 Perfumes and toilet waters, containing alcohol
33042000 Eye make-up preparations
33049900 Beauty or make-up preparations
33051000 Shampoos
33059000 Preparations for use on the hair, nesi
33072000 Personal deodorants and antiperspirants
33074900 Preparations for perfuming or deodorizing rooms
34011110 Castile soap in the form of bars, cakes
35040050 Peptones and their derivatives; protein substances
35069900 Prepared glues and other prepared adhesives
37011000 Photographic plates and film in the flat, sensitized
37021000 Photographic film in rolls, sensitized, unexposed
37061030 Sound recordings on motion-picture film
37079032 Certain photographic chemical preparations
38220050 Composite diagnostic or laboratory reagents, nesi
39019050 Polymers of ethylene, nesi, in primary forms
39021000 Polypropylene, in primary forms
39022050 Polyisobutylene, other than elastomeric, in primary
39029000 Polymers of propylene or of other olefins, nesi
39039050 Polymers of styrene, nesi, in primary forms
39044000 Vinyl chloride copolymers nesi, in primary forms
39061000 Polymethyl methacrylate, in primary forms
39069050 Acrylic polymers (except plastics or elastomers)
39073000 Epoxide resins in primary forms
39076000 Polyethylene terephthalate in primary forms
39079900 Polyesters nesi, saturated, in primary forms
39091000 Urea resins; thiourea resins
39095050 Polyurethanes, other than elastomeric or cements
39139020 Polysaccharides and their derivatives, nesi, in prim
39219050 Nonadhesive plates, sheets, film, foil and strip
39239000 Articles nesi, for the conveyance or packing of goods
40111010 Certain radial tires
42010060 Saddlery and harnesses for animals nesi
43031000 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, of fur
43039000 Articles of furskin, nesi
44101000 Particle board and similar board of wood
44111100 Fiberboard of a density exceeding 0.8 g/cm³
48025210 Writing paper, 40 g/m² to 150 g/m², containing 10%
69109000 Ceramic sanitary fixtures other than of porcelain
70071100 Toughened (tempered) safety glass, of size and shape
71141160 Articles of silver nesi, for household, table or kit
72022150 Ferrosilicon containing by weight more than 55%

72023000 Ferrosilicon manganese
 73089095 Some steel structures
 73159000 Parts of chain of iron or steel, nesi
 74091150 Plates, sheets and strip of refined copper, in coils
 74092100 Plates, sheets and strip of copper-zinc base alloys
 74199950 Articles of copper nesi, not coated or plated
 79011100 Unwrought zinc, not alloyed, containing by weight 99
 79011250 Unwrought zinc, other than casting-grade zinc
 82072000 Interchangeable dies for drawing or extruding metal
 84099150 Some engine parts
 84099199 Parts nesi, used solely or principally with spark-ig
 84099991 Parts nesi, used solely or principally with the engi
 84139190 Parts of pumps, nesi
 84223090 Machinery for filling,closing,sealing, capsuling
 84314910 Parts suitable for use solely or principally
 84719252 Some ADP print devices
 84775100 Machinery for molding or retreading pneumatic tires
 84792000 Machinery for the extraction or preparation
 84803000 Molding patterns
 84813020 Check valves of iron or steel for pipes, boiler
 84818030 Taps, cocks, valves & similar appliances for pipes
 84818090 Taps, cocks, valves & similar appliances for pipes
 84819030 Parts of hand operated and check appliances for pipe
 85030065 Some parts for electric generating machinery
 85242210 Pre-recorded video tapes of a width exceeding 4 mm
 85249040 Records, tapes and other recorded media for sound
 85369000 Electrical apparatus nesi, for switching
 85389080 Some electrical switching parts
 87086080 Non-driving axles and parts thereof for vehicles
 87087060 Some parts of road wheels for vehicles
 87089980 Some parts and accessories for motor vehicles
 87169050 Parts of trailers and semi-trailers nesi
 90039000 Parts of frames and mountings for spectacles, goggles
 90189010 Mirrors and reflectors used in medical, surgical
 91131000 Watch straps, watch bands and watch bracelets
 91132060 Parts of watch bracelet of base metal
 94032000 Metal furniture, of a kind not used in offices
 94035090 Wooden furniture
 94036080 Wooden (except bent-wood) furniture